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This memo shall serve as my endorsement for the specific local authorization levels listed in the Cardiac Emergencies Protocol #1 Acute Coronary Syndrome/Chest Pain/STEMI. The Loudoun County Emergency Services (EMS) Council, Inc., approves all protocols set forth herein with notification to the Loudoun County Fire-Rescue (LCFR) Commission. Unless specifically noted, the protocol allows for procedures and therapies in adult patients (16 yrs of age or older).

This protocol is intended for the authorization of members in good standing within a Virginia licensed EMS agency located within Loudoun County. Such members shall not be currently suspended or on leave from their agency-of-affiliation. In cases of suspension or leave, the associated BLS/ALS Chief (as appropriate for the providers' local authorization level) shall immediately submit written, email confirmation of this status to the EMS Council Chairperson through the LCFR EMS Training Division. Reinstatement from suspension or leave will incorporate the aforementioned notifications, and will necessitate full compliance with all requirements for local authorization to practice at their designated skill level. When suspension or leave of any variety (including skill suspension as outlined within the policies/procedures document) exceeds ninety (90) days duration, the suspended technician shall surrender his/her medication keys (ALS only) and local authorization card to the Chairperson of the Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc., or his/her designee.

In compliance with the Medical Practices Act of Virginia, this memo permits locally authorized EMS Personnel to utilize equipment and medications specific to their level of certification and local authorization carried aboard the Virginia Division of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) licensed vehicles owned and operated by Virginia licensed EMS agencies located within Loudoun County.

Your actions are also subject to the rules and regulations of the Virginia Division of Emergency Medical Services and individual EMS Agencies. As such, current Virginia State EMS Certification must be maintained. In addition, all personnel must maintain a current American Heart Association CPR "Health Care Provider" which must be renewed annually.

Providers are authorized to perform a skill on standing order (without a mandatory Medical Control Physician consult) when locally authorized and minimally certified to the level listed in a green square. Local authorization shall be that level to which I, your medical director, have endorsed you, the provider, to perform. E.g. a green square with a "B" inside it allows a minimally certified, locally authorized EMT-Basic level provider to perform the skill or administer the medication listed directly below the symbol. If a green square is not present with the providers' local authorization level, then the provider may not administer that medication or perform that skill. If a red octagon is present with the providers' local authorization and minimal certification then the following skill or medication may only be performed after an on-line consult with Medical Control Physician.

Use of the term “Medical Control Physician” throughout this document shall mean on-line physician located in the Emergency Department (ED) at Loudoun Hospital Center (LHC) at either the Lansdowne or Cornwall campus.

Authorization to routinely contact any facility other than Loudoun Hospital Center for Medical Control direction requires a written agreement between the individual EMS Agency and me, as your Operational Medical Director. All patients shall be transported to the closest, most appropriate emergency department unless the Medical Control Physician directs you otherwise. Requests by the patient, family or a private physician for transport to an alternate facility shall be directed to the Medical Control Physician for authorization. In the event of a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI), Operational Medical Control may be delegated from the Medical Control Physician to his/her designee on the scene for the duration of the MCI.

Units that do not require a Medical Control consult for orders shall contact the receiving facility directly to provide patient information and ETA. Units requesting a Medical Control consult for orders shall contact the closest, appropriate INOVA LHC-Medical Control (e.g. Cornwall or Lansdowne). If medical control will not be the receiving facility, the provider will then assume the responsibility of notifying the receiving facility to provide a report of patient information and ETA. Contact to INOVA LHC-Cornwall or Lansdowne shall be done through, and with the permission of, the Emergency Communications Center (ECC).

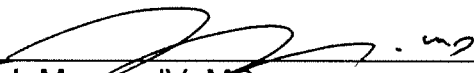
The emergency care that you provide is subject to supervision by the most experienced highest certified and locally authorized, EMS provider present at the time it is administered (i.e., EMT-I/P, EMT-E, EMT-B, or FR).

You shall maintain adequate record(s) of all events, to include completion of the Loudoun County EMS Incident Report Form for each incident including attachment of required “PPCR” or the electronic equivalent and attachment of electrocardiographic documentation for AED or monitored patients. You are responsible for the distribution of the EMS Incident Report Form and associated attachments as designated on the EMS Incident Report Forms. In addition, you are responsible for the completion of mandatory OEMS documentation of prehospital patient data record.

You are also responsible for the replacement of medications and supplies used on each incident. Certain supplies may be restocked by the Emergency Department of the receiving hospital. You shall submit proper documentation to the receiving hospital for restocked items.

Replacement of non-narcotic medications in the ALS medication kit and controlled substances nearing expiration are to be exchanged only by the EMT-E or EMT-I/P through established procedures with the Loudoun INOVA Lansdowne Pharmacy. All medications are to be returned for exchange prior to their printed expiration date.

Any violation, unauthorized deviation, or omission from the treatment protocols shall be brought to my attention.



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Date